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SUBJECT: KISSINGER-GIBSON BARBOSA MEETING.

1. SUMMARY. SECRETARY'S MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26 WITH FONMIN GIBSON BARBOSA CARRIED PROMINENTLY IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS. HIGHLIGHT WAS SECRETARY'S REPORTED DESIRE VISIT BRAZIL EARLY 1974, BUT STORIES ALSO TREATED SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION, QUOTING BRZDEL NEW YORK AS SOURCE, AND ENGAGED IN SPECULATION ABOUT SECRETARY'S INTENTIONS REGARDING U.S. POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA.

2. OCTAVIO BONFIM, NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT (JORNAL DO BRASIL), REPORTS THAT CONVERSATION NOT DOMINATED BY LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, BUT CONSISTED LARGELY OF TOUR DE HORIZON AND REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, CHARACTERIZED AS BEING FREE OF ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. ARTICLE IMPLIES THAT FONMIN NOT RESPONSIVE OF EFFORTS DRAW HIM OUT ON SUBJECT "CONTINENTAL EVENTS". BONFIM SPECULATES THAT SECRETARY INTENDS ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF FREQUENT CONSULTATION WITH LATAM AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS FOR REVIEW OF REGIONAL PROBLEMS. BONFIM NOTES THAT, AS PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR, KISSINGER WAS CRITICIZED FOR PAYING LITTLE ATTENTION TO LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, BUT OPINES THAT, AS SECRETARY OF STATE "HE NO LONGER IN POSITION IGNORE LATIN AMERICA".

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3. CORRESPONDENT JOHN MACVANE REPORTS IN "O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO" THAT SECRETARY EMPHASIZED DURING TALKS WITH FONMIN THE IMPORTANCE GIVEN BY NIXON ADMINISTRATION TO GROWTH OF RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA. IN SAME JOURNAL, MANOEL MAGALHAES REPORTS THAT BULK OF CONVERSATION DEDICATED TO BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THAT SECRETARY SHOWED "GREAT INTEREST" IN FURTHER TALKS WITH FONMBIN. MAGALHAES COMMENTS THAT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AND TONE OF CONVERSATION INDICATE THAT, ALTHOUGH U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES FOR LATIM AMERICAN ARE REGIONAL IN NATURE, U.S. POLICY ITSELF WILL TREAT OF EACH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY INDIVIDUALLY AND NEVER WITH THE REGION AS ENTITY IN ITSELF. MAGALHAES QUOTES BRAZDEHSNEW YORK AS SOURCE FOR FOREIGOING AND OBSERVES THAT, ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCES, "THIS REASONING, IF NOT INVALIDATING IT, AT LEAST PLACES IN THE PROPER CONTEXT THE WIDELY PUBLICIZED COMMENT OF PRESIDENT NIXON THAT THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA WOULD INCLINE TOWARD THE BRAZILIAN MODEL. AS EXAMPLES, THEY (BRAZDEL) CITED EVENTS IN CHILE AND ARGENTINA. IN THESE CASES, THEY NOTED, THE MOST THAT COULD BE SAID WAS THAT CERTAIN POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN BRAZIL HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON THE CONTINENT. BY NO STRETCH OF IMAGINATION HOWEVER, COULD THESE DEVELOPMENTS BE INTERPRETED AS INDICATING THE PATH FOR REST OF LATIM AMERICA TO FOLLOW. NOT AT ALL".
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